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To: Public Education Stakeholders

Re: Charter School Performance Framework Development and Review

The Washington State Charter School Commission has initiated the development of the Charter School Performance Framework. The Commission will utilize the framework as a tool to "ensure the highest standards of accountability and oversight" RCW 28A.710.180 (1), and engage in continuous learning and compliance conversations with charter schools in Washington.

The Performance Framework is essentially, three frameworks (Academic, Financial and Organizational) with associated measures and metrics that assure the Commission and the public of the school's academic growth and progress, financial health and viability and compliance with state and federal regulations. It is designed with transparency in mind, all charters and the Commission will be held to the same standards. Additionally the performance framework enables charter schools to retain flexibility and autonomy in determining their own distinct mission, vision and educational program.

I would like to request your participation as a reviewer of one, two, or, all three of the frameworks. Your participation in the review process allows for the collection and analysis of comments and suggestions from a diverse group of knowledgeable and experienced stakeholders. Your feedback will support the improvement of the most important tool that the Commission and charter schools utilize as they collectively strive to create student centered, academically rigorous, fiscally sound and organizationally vibrant public charter schools.

Through this review process your name and identity will remain anonymous in the aggregation of the comments. If you would like specific feedback from the commission on your comments - you will have an opportunity to provide your name and contact information and the commission will contact you directly.

You will be receiving DRAFT Performance Frameworks for your review in the coming weeks and months. Should you have any questions, suggestions and or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me or, Cathy Fromme, Performance Framework Project Manager at, info@charterschools.wa.gov

To facilitate a more complete understanding of charter schools in Washington, the purpose and authority of the frameworks and a general overview of the three frameworks, I have provided a one page Washington State Charter School Fact Sheet and link to a Performance Framework Overview webinar that you can view at a time that is most convenient for you.

<https://wscsc.webex.com/wscsc/lr.php?RCID=d8eb3f90of7bde188eco110doc5dfa8a>



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Thank you for your time and all that you do in support of students in the state of Washington. I look forward to our future collaborative efforts.

Be well,

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